

REMARKS

Examiner has objected to claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 and 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 3, 6 through 8, 11 through 13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Publication Number 20020061009 (Sorensen).

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the rejection.

Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to add limitations formerly in claim 4, so that claim 1 is now equivalent to claim 4 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 5, so that claim 5 is now in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 7 to add limitations formerly in claim 9, so that claim 7 is now equivalent to claim 9 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 10, so that claim 10 is now in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

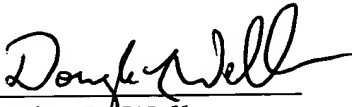
Applicant has amended claim 12 to add limitations formerly in claim 14, so that claim 12 is now equivalent to claim 14 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 15, so that claim 15 is now in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner has added additional dependent claims variously dependent on claims 5, 10 and 15. Applicant believes the subject matter set out by all the dependent claims extant in the case are allowable based, at least, on the allowability of the underlying independent claims.

Applicant believes that this Amendment has placed the present case in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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